

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraphs [0002]-[0004} in the Cross Reference to Related Applications to fill in the serial numbers:

[0002] "SURGICAL STAPLING INSTRUMENT WITH MULTISTROKE FIRING INCORPORATING AN ANTI-BACKUP MECHANISM", Ser. No. 10/673,929, to Frederick E. Shelton, Mike Setser;

[0003] "SURGICAL STAPLING INSTRUMENT HAVING MULTISTROKE FIRING WITH OPENING LOCKOUT", Ser. No. 10/674,236, to Frederick E. Shelton, Jeffrey S. Swayze, Douglas B. Hoffman;

[0004] "SURGICAL STAPLING INSTRUMENT INCORPORATING A FIRING MECHANISM HAVING A LINKED RACK TRANSMISSION", Ser. No. 10/673,930, to Jeffrey S. Swayze, Frederick E. Shelton IV; and

[0005] "SURGICAL STAPLING INSTRUMENT INCORPORATING A MULTISTROKE FIRING POSITION INDICATOR AND RETRACTION MECHANISM", Ser. No. 10/674,026, to Jeffrey S. Swayze, Frederick E. Shelton IV.